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In re Application of:

Domenic Belcastro

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Nicole M. Thurman**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2006. The Applicant timely filed a Notice of Appeal on August 17, 2006 and an Appeal Brief is therefore due on or before October 17, 2006. However, in an effort to advance prosecution in this action, the Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination together with this response. The Applicant is therefore forging its right to appeal at this time. Also, the period for reply has been extended to

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: